

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE
ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND URBAN POLICY**

Wednesday, February 16, 2005

2:53 p.m.

Room 307, House Office Building

Chair Stakoe called the Standing Committee on Local Government and Urban Policy to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (0/11)

Representative Tobocman, supported by **Representative Elsenheimer**, moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on **February 9, 2005**. Hearing no objection, the **motion prevailed** with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4227** before the committee.

HB 4227	Ward	Counties; boards and commissions; procedure for filling a county commissioner vacancy; clarify.
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Representative Ward explained the intent of the bill.

Tom Hickson, representing the Michigan Association of Counties, testified in **support** of the bill.

Representative Tobocman, supported by **Representative Nitz**, moved to report **House Bill 4227** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4225** before the committee.

HB 4225	Gaffney	Libraries; state; population criteria for state aid to public libraries; revise.
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Representative Gaffney explained the intent of the bill.

John Chambers, representing the Detroit Public Library, testified in **support** of the bill.

Nick Bozen, representing the Department of History, Arts and Libraries, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Michael Ranville, representing the Michigan Library Association, submitted a testimony card indicating a **neutral** position on the bill, but did not wish to speak.

Representative Tobocman, supported by **Representative Vagnozzi**, moved to report **House Bill 4225** with recommendation.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Stakoe, Elsenheimer, VanRegenmorter, Robertson, Nitz, Baxter, Schuitmaker, Tobocman, Accavitti, Donigan, Vagnozzi (11/11)

NAYS: None (0/11)

PASS: None (0/11)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4234** before the committee.

HB 4234	Nitz	Property tax; payment and collection; postmark to serve as payment on time for township tax payments; allow.
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Representative Nitz explained the intent of the bill.

Bill Anderson, representing the Michigan Townships Association, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Kieran Marion, representing the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Denise Hammond, representing West Bloomfield Township, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

Summer Minnick, representing the Michigan Municipal League, testified in **opposition** to the bill.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **3:36 p.m.**

Representative John Stakoe, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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